

## APPALLING STATISTICS

How Our Great Men Propose to Turn the New Leaf.

At the beginning of each and every year a large proportion of the inhabitants of the United States in general, and of New York in particular, register with more or less estentation a selemn vow, with more or less mental reservation, to do or not to do certain things, and just at this season of the year,



HIS FRIST CALL, -A glass of wine. by a strange coincidence, Satan can safely rely on receiving his annual assortment of paving ma-Yes, this is the season of the year when, to

use the language of the poet:-

And now had habits come to grisf,
As we turn neam the leaf,
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And for ten or fitteen days
We try to bid our former ways
Adlett.

Judging by the number of good intentions with which the abode of the wicked is paved it must be a very lofty place, for otherwise the pavement would have reached the ceiling long ago. But now when I come to think of it most of the intentions are very thin, and it may require as great number of them as it does sheets of gold leaf to make the thickness of an inch; hence the aforesaid place may not be crowded as yet.

THE SEES THROUGH YOU. There is, however, one individual who is never deceived by the vows of the man who swears off. I refer to his wife, which fact is beautifully illustrated in the following touching lines of an unidentified post:-

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The man who suddenly referms, no matter when he sees the error of his ways, is always an object of social monster. It has occurred to me that the remarks of the elder brother on the occasion of the ligal's return were not entirely without justification, although they were somewhat embroidered



SECOND CALL.- "Excuse me-I forgot to take my hat; another glass."

with bitterness. Of course, the good young man is entitled to a certain measure of respect, but he can never hope to be worshipped like the one who has just turned over a new leaf and is fresh from the mire of the gutter. The tendency of all the pretty girls in a town to spoon over the wickedest young man, even before he has sworn off, is what neutralizes to a great extent the efforts of our Sunday school superintendents.

It is a great pity that the reform effort at the beginning of the year cannot be made a success, as there is such a wide margin for improvement in so many different directions

Resolutions to lead a new and better life are all very well, but, like squalling babies in a church or theatre, they should be carried out. As far as my observation goes New Year's resolutions are very much like the resolutions in a political platform. After the election the candidate forgets all about them. There are people who, like a cigarmaker, are always turning over new leaves, and just about this time of the year those who have sharp ears can detect at night, when everything is still, a strange rustling sound, which is believed to pro-ceed from the new leaves which are being turned back again. How true are the lines of the poet:—

More than a hundred thousand leaves, But few days turned anew. Are slewly turning back again, As every year they do.

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If has been observed by those who have given the subject their serious attention that at the expiration of a week the fresco on the very best New Year's resolutions begins to wear off, and at the end of two weeks it creases in the back and bulges at the knees, to use a slightly mixed metaphor. In fact, during the first week of the new year numerous job lots of good resolutions, quite new and but slightly used, can be had very cheap, for the men who swear off will swear on again at



THIRD CALL .- "Pardon (hic) -but I forgot my mane; another glass."

the very first opportunity they get. In fact, a few days after New Year's any number of damaged swear offs can be bought at the price of a schooner

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Last year a New York gentleman of a statistical turn of mind who has a large circle of acquaint ances made a sert of a tabular statement or exhibit of the number of men within his personai acquaintance who made reformatory vows on New Year's. This census can be relied on as authentic, Superintendent Porter not having been permitted to tamper with it. According to this tabular statement or exhibit, on the lat of January, 1890, no less than \$56 earnest men swear off from using intoxicating finids, but on the let of February all but 17 have fallen from grace. This is the way it looks in the exhibit, the longer line designating

withstood temptation for a whole month:—

January!—

February!—

The same gentleman investigated the subject of starting diaries on the first day of the new year, a mild type of dementia which is epidomic just at this scason. His figures in this regard are likewise very discouraging. I may remark that the opposing sex, as it has been apply termed, suffers most from this distressing manna. Out of 312 females who are indicated by the long line, only 13 made entries in their diaries on the first day of February.

CAYS OF GLOOM.

This is the age of unbreason, unrest and gall. Genuine clive oil is manufactured out of Chicago lard, genuine Turkish rugs are made right hers in New York by genuine Irishmen, and in the dime museum the hand painted codfish is still palmed off on the public as a genuine Expytian nummy. Barbers who were originally surgeons are so still, not to monition their elecutionary skill. There has been no material change in the old receipt of making pure mapic sugar—ten pounds of glucose to one of maple. The weather continues to be as changeable as a cheap politician, and about as reliable as a seven dollar gold watch. We don't read as much in the papers about oleomargarine as formerly, but no doubt it gets there all the same. Four times as much Brazilian coffee is sold in New York as is raised in Brazil, and the raspberry jam of commerce contains almost overything except raspberries, and so on to the end of the chapter. If any attempt has been made to reform since last New Year's Day it is not visible, as far as any good results are concerned, to the general public.

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FOURTH CALL - (Hic) " Scuse me again, I've been here before, I think; less hav another."

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such a nuisance, but he would be insulted if you suggested it to him, and probably talk no loud he could be heard ten miles out at sea. However, he believes in women swearing off from wearing high hats. Only yesterday he soil—"What a bicesting it would be if women swearing off from wearing high hats. Only yesterday he soil—"What a bicesting it would be if women swearing off from wearing high hats in the cheatre. I such that the sould be some fun in going to the theatre. I suppose they wear low meck dresses to piesse the men, but they would succeed much better if they uncovered their heads instead. I only wish that some of them so does not in the solid into inches and parts. I thought it is needless to say that, like a great many others, I have made resolutions that did not hat, but I is needless to say that, like a great many others, I have made resolutions that did not hat, but I have made resolutions much as Mark I wan did not a tresultation of the disknor of a by my rule, to detaile whether if is for along to the disknor of a by my rule, to detaile whether if is for along to the disknor of a by my rule, to detail whether if is for along to the disknor of a by my rule, to detail whether if is for along to the case of homeselves, he added to repart the resolution to measure the future by like of the cold worth and to regard them as not of the old Worth and to regard them as not of the old Worth and to regard them as not of the old Worth and to regard them as not of the old Worth and to regard them as not of the old Worth and to repard them when the slephant. Then in high dudgeon he suggested to him, all the resolution to head the resolution to measure the future by its feet here is any the like them, which, of course, settles the question. If there is one sadder thing than death it is a seat behind a woman wearing at three story hat; and, behind a woman wearing a three story hat; and, behind the was conversing like a flushed covey of quall by blowing a cloud of vile ei

To sum up the situation, those who swear off swear on again, which places them on a footing with these who do not swear off at all; hence men will keep right on during the coming year mistaking lampposts for perpendicular beds; politicians and other malefactors will keep on living such lives that it is only what you don't know about them that makes them respectually; if you have only one hair left on your head barbers will still have the never to recommend a hair restore; the surrelist will continue to disn'sy more interest in having work than poverty abelished; money will keep on being tight becauses on much of it goes into the salcon instead or the savings bank; the poets will not even make a pretence of swearing of; the average club man will keep on chalking his head next morning and using it as a shee born to get his hat on, for John Barleycorn will not retire from business dur-



LAST CALL .- "Shay (hic), if any one calls for me (hic) shay I ain't in. See?"

ing the coming year, as there must be something else in the world besides women to make tools of

The outlook for the coming year does not justify me in predicting the advent of the millennium, but there are bright little cases in the prospective sahara. The habit of promiscuous calling on New Year's Day is gradually becoming obsolete. Eventually, no young man will exhibit himself on New Year's Day in an intoxicated condition to a hundred or so lady friends, and simultaneously wrap himself around vast quantities of ponderous fruit cake and mixed liquors. No longer will be said of the young man that:—

Hu called and be called on New Year's.

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the young man that:—

His called and he called on New Year's,
ite tackled many a flagon;
He called and called on New Year's,
Till he called the naivel wagon.

Another ray of hope is unearthed, so to speak, in
the prospect of Professor Koch getting on the trail
of the microbe which, no doubt, causes the perversity of man, or what Mr. Bellamy calls atavism,
and is an inherited disease. When Dr. Koch runs
down that microbe and supplies suffering mankind
with the lymph of genuine reform, then atavism—
which includes everything bad, from inordinate
ambition to leaving the door open in winter—will,
like several hundred thousand New Yorkers, be
Porterized out of existence. No doubt half a gailon
or so of reform lymph will have to be injected into
the systems of some of our prominent men, and
some are too far gone to be cured.

In the meantime we will have to take things as
they come and part with them as they go and congratulate ourselves that we live in New York and
the nineteenth century. gratulate ourselves manths nineteenth century.

ALEXANDER E. SWEET.

ACTORS IN NEW ROLES. SOCE AND BU-KIN SALUIE THE NEW YEAR

W'TH MERRY HEARTS. Mr. Daniel Frohman, manager of the Lycenm Theatra:-"Good resolutions? Why, I don't have to make any. Last year's will do me."

Mr. W. H. Crane, of "The Senator" company :-"Well, my good resolution is to present nothing but good American plays in the future, and to come back in the fall with a great big new production." Mr. Joseph Brooks, Mr. Crane's manager:—'I

in the future."

Mr. Jeff De Angelis:—"I am going to save my money and own a house next aummer."

Mr. Neil Burgess, of "The County Fair:"—"I have no good resolutions to make."

POLITICIANS' GOOD INTENTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS PUT ON RECORD WHICH MAY BENEFIT THE PUBLIC.

Even politicians make resolutions with the beginning of the year. Some of the notable ones felt delicate about taking the public into their confidence, but others had no hesitation in giving expression to their good intentions for the year of

Mayor Grant, for instance, declared it was his determined resolution to force a rapid transit

determined resolution to force a rapid transit problem through the Legislature, and wee be unto those who would oppose him. He had other resolutions regarding whom he would appoint to vacant police justiceships, but preferred to keep that topic to himself.

Commissioner Gilroy, of the Public Works, said:—
"Yes, I've made at least one resolve, and that is to grant no permits for the opening of any street that has been newly paved."
Beputy Commissioner Bernard F. Martin said he spent all his cash in the late contest electing a democrate Alderman and Assemblyman in the Seventh district, and was resolved to open a bank account the first Monday of the year.
"I have resolved to join a fresh air club," replied ex-Judge Holme, in response to my inquiry. "And further, I intend to smoke less and get more exercise."

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Under Sheriff "Johnny" Sexton declares that he will continue his "smile," but has resolved to discontinue standing collars.
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or the County Court House, which he states is a menace to health.

Martin B. Brown, the city's printer; said he was resolved to establish an artificial ice factory at Far Rocksway next summer, so as to get ahead of the ice kings who robbed the inhabitants of that section of the country last summer.

"A rule for the new year!" said General James R. O'Belrne.

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American flag and the government it represents the respect and love of the American people; the poverty abolished; money will keep on the prevent of the flag and the power of the curly which will be a muscle of the unit of all that will do make American people; the posts will not even chalking his head next morning and using it as a shee horn to get his hat on, for ohn Barleycorn will not retire from business d

ATHLETES NEW YEAR RESOLVES. MEN OF MUSCLE GREET 1891 WITH EXPRES-SIONS OF PAVORABLE REGARD.

Secretary Sullivan, of the Amateur Athletic Union:-"I will endeavor to make the New Jersey Athletic Club the greatest athletic organization in this country and keep out of athletic fights, which

Handicapper E. C. Carter:-"I will try hard to make as many dead heats as possible, and help to make the junior cross country team of the New York Athletic Club win the junior cross country

championship."

Tim Murphy, champion amateur bantam weight of American:—'I have been getting very fut of late, but as I have a desire to steer clear of John L. Sullivan's class I will try hard to keep down to my regular boxing weight, as the 105 pound class is good enough for me. I will try hard to retain the title of felamulou."

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Alex Jordan, the champion all around amateur athlete of America and winner of the Hersito cup:—"I would like to win another Hersito cup: without competing for it, because it would make a nice companion piece to the Hersito trophy I won last June."

Willie Day, the champion cross country runner of America, and the winner of the Hersito cup:—"I will try hard to defeat all competitors at my favorite game and win all the Hersito cups which that enterprising journal puts up for competition for cross country running."

Harry Monell, of the New Jersey Athletic Club:—"I will try hard during the spring and make a big bid for the championship of 220 yards hurdle racing."

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"I will do all in my power to make the Manhattan A.G. the greatest club of its kind in America. The cherry diamond boys have get the Balley, Barks and Riddle plaque, and intend to hold it for example years." several years."
President Schuyler, of the New York Athletic Club:—"I will work faithfully to keep the New York A.C. in the place it is to-day—away ahead of

all rivals.

MR. BUTIS RESOLVES TO BE BAD.

HIS WIFE IS TAULY SORBY, BUT SHE WIL-TARE THE SEALSKIN ALL THE SAME. I am not married myself, but I was present the

other evening when the wife of my friend Butts asked him what sort of new resolutions he had in Or he'd have kept on kissing the remainder of the year. his alleged mind to begin the new year with. Mrs. Butts did not say alleged mind, you know, because I was there, but something in her tone and manner certainly indicated that she was very far rrom believing that Butts had mind enough to keep good resolutions of any description.

Butts apparently didn't notice anything peculiar about his wife's manner, however, for he replied "Well, my dear, I don't know that I shall do any-

me thing in the resolving line this year. It does seem as if there is nothing in it. Last year, you know, I swore off drinking; wouldn't have any whiskey

don't have to make good resolutions. I am too good as it is."

Miss Lillian Russell, the bright particular star of the Casino:—"I have resolved hereafter to hive all or nothing."

Mr. Henry French, manager of the Grand Opera House and the Gardon Theatre:—"Do you know what my good resolution is? Not to speak to reporters hereafter."

Mr. Alexander Comstock, business manager of the Academy of Music:—"My boy, I have resolved never more to "stretch" the receipts."

Mr. Edwin Stevens, the Casino's elongated comedian:—"My good resolution is to make as many hits as possible, base or otherwise."

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Mr. J. H. Hill, manager of the Union Square and strike Blue Grass while you are helping yourself. Thanks, I've got allght.

"Perhaps you the to fee the too how more of an it to prove the past has been able to tell the other was shown into the drawing room unan

ahnounced, and t making state by the big Bible.

That would have been all well enough at that if you hadn't insisted on the pastor reading a chapter after dinner, when of course he lighted on my account, to wit:-

Two tickness to the "Clemenceau Case" 20.0 Church centribution, Sonday.

"You say he may not have read it through; but we know he did, for he has never been here since. "No. No. Mrs. Butts, I tell you there is nothing in trying to make good resolutions. Did you ever hear that Cappain Ridd, Henry VIII., Jim Fisk, Bill Iweed or a boodle Alderman was noted for his goodness or piety? No. of course you didn't. But they had money, didn't they?

"Now, if you will allow me, Mrs. Butts, I propose to resolve to be mean and bad. If a poor newboy without any Husand peajachet gives me too many coppers in change I am going to keep them. When the conductor approaches me for my fare I will insist that I have paid my nickel.

"I am always going to be the one to linger furthest behind at the stairs leading to the 'L' rona, so that the foolish man in the van shall have paid my fare by the time I get to the platform. All that and more am I going to do, and at the end of a month or two I shall have saved enough to buy you a senishin coat."

At this Mrs. Butts gave a faint gasp, sighed a little and then said, "Are you sure about the coat." At this Mrs. Butts gave a faint gasp, sighed a little and then said, "Are you sure about the coat, John"

"I swear you shall have it."
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HIS FIRST ELEPHANT.

stated off with more listurating intenations, "Oh, Eyes so Blue and Tender."

The maiden fair moved a trifle uneasily and pressed her face against the window paue. "A sweet Face at the Window readily whistled the quick-witted tormentor. There was no mistaking the personal aliasion in the whistle, and the young lady moved as if to change her seat, but an ominous silence following this move, she settled down again to pounder and to dream.

"Oh, speak to me, speak," whistled the muiscal fiend with this inflections, as dramatic as a whistler can make them.

"Bailimore the next station," announced the conductor.

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"How Can I Bear to Leave Thee," began the whistler, telling the cheerful fact that Baltimore was his destination. The young lady sat up with a more interested expression upon her hererofore sphinx like countonance.

"Would I ne er had met thee," whistled the young man as he drew on his overcoat, and striking into "Farewell, Forever," as he disappeared. The train stopped, he passed the window and caught a glimpse of a boung face radiant with smiles of appreciative mischief. It was almost his undoing, he had an imputise to spring on the train and go to Washington—but already the train was whizzing past, with a farewell wave of his hand he jogged along whistling "Her Bright Smile Haunts Mo Still."

Let no one give a long negative, contrary whistle of unbelief.

THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. remember New Year's morning hearing dear old gradma

"You'll be doing all the year just what you're doing New Your's day." When my face lit up with blushes at the happiness in atore As a certain bandsome fellow tied his horses at my door. For he took me out a sieighing on that happy New Year And my heart kept beating faster than the merry sleighbells' chime; Then be tucked the furs in closer 'till I thought I'd have to send. When he blushing, seftly muttered, "Dear, I hope you are not cold." Then I said-"Look here, Bon't you call me 'Dear,

r olse you'll keep on calling the remainder of the year!"

You have seen the barron branches fresh haptized with avening rain. Decked with diamonds in the morning with white velvet robes in train; Myriad crystals in the branches, dansling prisms in the Just the day of all the season Nature most delights in show:
And it seemed this glorious morning, as we rode out in the sleigh.
The Almighty had robbed heaven in the making of the Then he kissed me, as I happened to be gazing at the sky, Saying, "Nature wears her jewels when the queen is riding by?" You, he hissed me here, Till I had to interfere,

Have you never been so happy that you felt your being Longing for the power of Joshua to bid the sun stand Just to make the day eternal, lest before another dawn. In the dreamy hours of slumber all your happiness be goner
Thus we rode 'neath arching branches, while the sleighbells' music rare
Echoel through that crystal palacs God had builded in
the air.
When this Joshua the younger bade his handsome horses While he saked me if I'd wed and coaxed me not to answer has, a he draw me near.

I answered "Yes," for fear
The rascal would keep coaxing the remainder of the year.

FRED EMERSON BROOKS.

## DOGS' BEST FRIENDS

Humane People of High Degree Seconding the Herald's Plan.

DEMANDING A DOG HOSPICE.

Horrors of the Present Dog Snatching System Eloquently Described and Denounced.

The Sunday HERALD's idea of a place of refuge and care for stray and disabled dogs, to be filled and managed under the system, appliances and authority of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, has met with a prompt indorse-

ment by many humans readers. Some of these spontaneously and others in response to a request for an expression of opinion

have given utterauce to their views. Some, it will be seen, on the ground of vested property interests and others out of humans consideration for man's best quadruped friend, and still others for the sake of the individual and of society, maintain that better treatment should be

provided in this community for dogs.

All agree in this, that the plan suggested by the Sunday HERALD is the true remedy for a public evil and a public need.

The letters are as follows:-THE FOUNTER CLUB OF AMERICA.

In response to your invitation for an expression of my views regarding a more humane and intelligent method of caring for lost and homeless dogs, I should also include dogs legally though wrongfully taken up by the licensed dog catchers, for of all the fiendish acts perpetrated upon a suffering public the one of dog catching, as now practised, is about the most cruel and unnecessary.

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The human hyenas who now act in the capacity of dog snatchers actually lie in wait for some innocent little household pet that has been given a moment's liberty upon the street, perhaps by a child under six years of ago, who knows nothing about the law governing such offences, and when poor little fide has been actually torn from his owner he is roughly thrown into a rickety old crate set upon wheels and called a wagen, in which is confined a promiscuous lot of dogs, including almost overy known breed, from a toy terrier to a great St. Bernard, some of them vicious to any extent, others covered with mange or other contagious diseases. If the poor, shivering little pet is not set upon and half killed before many minutes he is almost sure to contract a skin affection or perhaps proumonis from exposure before the city pound is reached.

Another serious objection to this inhuman method of punishing innocent creatures is the well known fact that at certain periods the female should not be allowed freedom with dogs of the opposite sox, a fact that is totally ignored by the licensed snatchers.

It seems to me that it is far more humane and practicable to require the owners of dogs to muzzle their pets whenever taken on the street, and make neglect punishable by a fine of say \$5 for each offence, authorizing and requiring police officers to make arrests, if nocessary, by going to the residence of the owner when the dog is found in outside their pets whenever taken on the street, and make neglect punishable by a fine of say \$5 for each offence, authorizing and requiring police officers to make arrests, if nocessary, by going to the residence of the owner when the dog is found in outside their pets whenever taken on the street, and that dogs, commonly called "ourse," which are found wandering about homeless and apparently ownerless, should be turned over to the \$P. C. A.

C. A.

That a "dog department" should be one of the most important of that most excellent institution is an undeniable tact. This would do away with the present system of ordering a reward for the capture of these innocent animals, really man's best triend. The dog tax and fines collected would surely support quite a department in the Society for the Frevention of Crucky to Animals, though if assistance were required it would be promptly given by both individuals and the many dog ctubs of this city.

I sincerely hope that some definite steps will be taken in this matter, and there can be no doubt about it provided the Herand lends its aid.

GEOINGE W. LA RUE.

Secretary-Treasurer of the Pointer Club of America.

FROM THE AMERICAN SENNEL CLUB.

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FROM THE AMERICAN EXPIRED CUE.

Replying to yours of the 16th inst., asking for an expression of my views as to the idea of dispensing with the city pound and transferring its functions to the S. P. C. A., I beg to say that such a plan has my most hearty approval. The abuse of the official powers of persons connected with this question of lost, homeless or vagrant dogs, and also the fact of its connection with politics, has been a matter of much discussion among the many dog owners that I come in contact with, and it is the opinion of many, with myself, that the plan you suggest is a most excellent one, and would undoubtedly meet with the approval and support of every one connected with canine affairs. Yours, truly,

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With much pleasure I have perused the contributed article in your columns on the subject of a home and hospital for dogs or other animals in or near New York. The importance of such a provision for man's faithful friends is obvious and second only to the human care of horse, which has been for many years the chief object of the Society for the Prevention of Crucity to Animals in this city. I can say nothing except in praise or the excellent plan proposed by your correspondent, Mr. Pelham Clinton. Or course I have no authority to speak for the Swe York society, but I may perhaps be permitted, as a member of its Executive Committee, to express the belief that the energetic organization will most willingly undertake the good work, as has already been successfully done by our sister societies of San Francisco, Boston and Philadelphia. If the necessary funds are forthcoming New York can soon be relieved of the long standing Perpocach of the Dop Pound and its exceedingly unpleasant methods and surroundings.

JAS. GRANT WILSON.

THINES THERE'S NO BOON FOR DOOS.

I have your note of the 23d touching a "dog hospice" for New York. The method of treating stray dogs at present is a brutal and most objectionable one. It secure to make some remark about trying to file a straight

AS. GRANT WILSON.

THINES THERE'S NO ROOM FOR DOOS.

I have your note of the 23d touching a "dog hospice" for New York. The method of treating stray dogs at present is a brutal and most objectionable one. It encourages thievery and rescality as well as crucky to animals. As a member of the S. P. C. A. and knowing something of the good work it does, I am earnestly in accord with your suggestion that that institution should perform the functions now given to the City Pound.

There is, however, a still greater improvement which I think the city of the future will be able to bosst of—namely, that no dogs will be allowed within its precincis. Dogs have no reason to exist where there are neither birds nor animals to be hunted nor malefactors to be resisted. That the finest pointer cannot exercise his functions on this island probably will be admitted; that the finest body of police in the world will suffice for the latter may fairly be argued. Being of no use in a large city they are simply a nuisance, and in time will be excluded either by law or by being taxed out of sight.

POSS HAVE RIGHTS IN THIS CITY.

Having read the article in last Sunday's issue or your paper with regard to placing the catching of dogs in this city in the hands of the Society for the Prevention of Grueity to Animals, I beg leave to express the hope that the Herand, which has done so much to correct abuses in other directions, will lend its aid in correcting one which interests so many of our eitzens.

1, as well as many others who keep their hunting dogs on Long Island, must have them led through the city when taking them on a shooting excursion to some point in this oranother State, or vice versa. We may conform most strictly to the law about having the floanse number on the animal's collar and having it led by a strap, chain or cord not more than four feet in length; but, as you say in the above article and as many cases have proven, this is but little protection to the valuable dog against these licensed robbers who often simply seek the position of dog catcher for the purpose of theft.

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As a business man who is obliged to spend his entire day at a deax I need some outdoor exercise as an aid to good health, and si nated as I sm, I ask if I must be obliged to give up a recreation to the enjoyment of which the assistance of one or two dogs is essential or must I continue to run the risk of having them taken from me or my attendant while bringing them through the city? True, so far nothing has happened to my dogs, but I cannot say how long it will be before one or both of them will be dragged to the Pound and maimed, thereby r udering them useless, through the brutal treatment they would receive at the hands of these catchers or of having them stolen by the same men.

same men.

By all means let the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals take this matter out of the hands of those who have so often abused the cower it gives them.

HERALD READER,

ing licensed animals, they are the very dregs of humanity.

Scond—With regard to the dogs themselves. Bacon says, "Man is the god of the dog," and that if we regarded our Maker with the trust and love which these animals show to man it would be well for us. It is an outrage that these faithful brutes should be treated by men as they are. Hydrophobla probably ewes its origin to some shocking treatment of dogs by men. In Constantinople, where dogs swarm the streets and are unmolested, this disease is utknown.

If the hospice for dogs is established in New York I will gladly become a subscriber, and can promise other subscriptions also. Please publish my letter or any part of it, using my name if you desire.

HARRY MINER'S PRACTICAL IDEAS.

ANN L. LIVINGSTON.

HARRY MINER'S PRACTICAL IDEAS.

In answer to your letter of December 23, request, ing my views on an article published in the Herald of December 14, headed a "New Dog Hespice for New York," I would say that I think it a grand idea and I only hope if there is a beard of directors appointed I may have the honor to serve on such a board.

I should this,"

board.

I should think an institution of this character could be supported by subscriptions that the directors might receive from humanely inclined residents of this city, and I feel confident that a benefit could be given at least once a year from which the institution would derive a large revenue; and I should also think it would be a good idea to sell the valuable dogs if not claimed after a certain time, thereby deriving a further and perhaps large revenue.

sell the valuable dogs if not claimed after a certain time, thereby deriving a further and perhaps large revenue.

As a citizen of New York I do most emphatically protest against the present method of capturing and transferring even the meanest our from the place where he is found to the pound. It was my misfortune only a week or so ago to witness sue capture of a handsome and intelligent looking Newfoundiaud dog by a couple of dog catchers, and of course they handled him in an extremely rough manner. I can imagine that they feel it is important in capturing a deg to handle him roughly so as to subdue him to prevent biting, whereby they cower the dog at once.

The dog was taken from a little boy in the circumstance i speak of, and the expression on the dog's face when he was thrown up on the seat of the wagon and then into the cage was most pathetic. There were a lot of other dogs in there, and the fighting and noise they made as the wagon drove off was a disgrace to a civilized community, and it annoyed me so much that I called a policeman's attention and he told me he had witnessed many similar occurrences with equally as fine animals.

We all know—now, when I say sill I mean those who are fond of dogs, I, myself, am passionately fond of dogs, keeping always at least five or six—that they are the truest of friends, valuable as an night watch, and, if taught, beyond valuation in all pursuits after the feathery tribe.

In conclusion all I can say is that I am with such a movement with heart and soul by which in any way they can ameliorate the condition and further the comforts of the canine race in this city.

B. SAYRE'S INDORSEMENT.

made.

Unquestionably the intelligent and human transition of the Society for the Suppression of Cruelty to Animals, is the proper person to super intend this important work. LEWIS A. SAYIEL.

FAVORS THE HERALD'S PLAN.

In answer to your favor of 23d inst., I beg to say that I am very strongly in favor of the plan you suggest of dispensing with the City Pound so far as lost and homeloss dogs are concerned, and the planing of the care and final disposition of such aulmsis in the hands of the Society for the Frevention of Cruelty to Animals.

WALSTON H. BROWN.

GIVE US A DOG HOSPICE.

No. 1 UNIVERSITY PLACE, Dec. 16, 1890.

I most beartily favor the Heriald's plan for "a
dog hospice" for New York as set forth in Sunday's Heriald.

J. VAN SCHAICK.

CHARACTER IN POKER.

AN OLD HAND EXPLAINS HOW THE PLAYER'S NATURE IS EXPOSED. In every phase of society, every profession and

business, certain rules exist by which the predomi-nating traits of a man's character are easily detected by the shrewd members of that business or profession. If a man be cowardly, puguacious, avaricious, or if he be possessed of any other undesirable characteristics, application of these rules will bring them to the surface, no matter how hard he tries to disguise them. This theory, or rather fact, was ably illustrated the other day by a man of recognized shrewdness, but unfortunately a man whose position in life is not condoned by se

He was a gambler, well known in the gambling fraternity, of course, and he is able to count many prominent statesmen among his acquaintances. Yet he is an undesirable authority to quote regard-

some excuse and get out of the game. Watch, the next time you play, and see if what I say is not true.

"In ordinary man will come down squarely with his money. He may bluff, but he will play his hand for what it is worth and quit whon he thinks he has gone far enough.

"An aggressive fellow shows "ght in every movement. If he has been losing it won't affect his play in the least. He will bluff and bet away until he loses all his money or turns the tide of his luck and comes out winner. Some men, however, can't stand this, and as there is an exception to every rule, there must be one to this. Continued bad luck will make a coward of a good man, and he will play warily. So don't contound him with the man who is a coward by nature."

I said that I would not, and bid my gaming philosopher goodby.

BETTING ON A JOCKEY'S COLORS.

ONE MAN'S SCORN FOR STRAIGHT TIPS ON HORSE BACES. "Straight tips sometimes cost a man a great deal of money, particularly if they are given on horse

races," remarked a young man sententiously the other afternoon to a group of companions with whom he was lunching in a downtown restaurant. "If you will take my advice," he continued, "you will go on the principle that no one knows what

will go on the principle that no one knows what horse is going to win any given race any more than yeu do, even if you know nothing about the race yourself. It is sate to say your informant knows nothing about it either. He may think he does, but the chances are that he does not, just the same.

"For my part I don't see half a dozen races a year, and know practically nothing about such matters, yet the only times I ever wen any money was by luck pure and simple. Once I bet \$10 on a horse named Mamie B., at Clifton, simply because one of the pretitest girls I ever knew was named Mamie B.—. I was told that the race was a cinch for another horse, but Mamie B. won all the same, with the pleasing odds of 10 to I against her.

"Horses have their good days like men, and there are times when the best of them can't run to save themselves. Besides, a big pad of water given a horse just before a race will stop him as completely as a house would step a locomotive.

"Another time, as the linden track, I noticed that the colors of a certain lockey were blue—hat, shirt and each. I didn't even anow the name of the horse he rode, but being a fale man, and blue being our college color, I backed that horse. He won against a big field, and I got a tot of money. I wouldn't give a tout five cents for a tip."

power it gives them.

I have received your letter asking for an expression of my views as to the Herand's purpose of advocating a more humane and intelligent method of dealing with the lost and homeless dogs of New York city. In reply I would say that I feel sure that if the S. P. C. A could take in hand the disposition and treatment of these forlorn animals the result would be for good in many ways.

First.—With reference to the humane side of the present abuse, the dog catchers, Our Saviour Christ says, "How much better is a man than a sheep?" It is no breach of charity to say that as a runs these men are much lower than the poor brutes they ill treat. Under a more intelligent management these very men might be employed to humanely capture and